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## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	36 minus 20 =	RCE
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	4 minus 3 =	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

## SMALL ENTITY

OR

RATE	Fee
	\$ _____
X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
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## OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL	

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## 11/23/04 CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	36	Minus	36	=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	4	Minus	4	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

## SMALL ENTITY

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RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

## OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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+ \$ _____ =	
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AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus	**	=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus	**	=
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

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+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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**REQUEST****FOR****CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Section 3(d) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on July 23, 2003,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventor Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/633,945
Filing Date	August 8, 2000
First Named Inventor	Schmidt
Group Art Unit	2665
Examiner Name	T.E. Volper
Attorney Docket Number	TI-30346

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 23, 2003. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 23, 2003, applicants may wish to consider filing a continued examination application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (n) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE in an effort for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes in Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Patent Rule 64, 65 Fed. Reg. 14603, (Mar. 20, 2003), 1233 OR, GAZ. Pat. Off. 47 (Apr. 11, 2003), which established RCE practice.

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## 1 Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a  Previously submitted  
 i.  Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Any unstated amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
 ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b  Enclosed  
 i.  Amendment/Reply  
 ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
 iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
 iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Miscellaneous

a  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103 (c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) required.)  
 b  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to:  
 i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
 ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.158 and 1.17)  
 iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b  Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed  
 c  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print / Type)	Robert N. Rountree	Registration No. (Attorney / Agent)	39,347
Signature	<i>Robert N. Rountree</i>	Date	Nov. 23, 2004

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